

To: WXEF, WCRC, *Effingham Daily News*, *Teutopolis Press*, Teutopolis Unit #50 District Office  
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Headline: Teutopolis High School to present *Cinderella*  
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Teutopolis High School is pleased to announce this year's fall musical is Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. Performance dates are October 24 - 26, 2008.

Everyone loves a good "rags to riches" story and *Cinderella* is the perfect example. *Cinderella* is one of the most well-known stories around the world. There are between 350 – 1500 different versions of this story in the world today and the earliest recorded version came from China around 850 AD. Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II were given the challenge by NBC-TV executives to develop an original, family musical expressly for television. Then, an executive from CBS-TV entered into the discussion. NBC was bumped out and CBS was the winning network. Julie Andrews was casted as Cinderella while performing eight shows a week in the musical *My Fair Lady*. Other cast members include Howard Lindsay, Dorothy Stickney, and Ilka Chase.

When CBS aired the live broadcast on March 31, 1957, they performed on a cramped 4,200 square foot space with 56 performers, 33 musicians, 80 stagehands, 100 costumes, 7 huge set pieces, loads of props, and 4 giant RCA color cameras. More than \$370,000 was spent on this production (more than double the sum usually spent on a television production at that time). *Cinderella* was seen by the largest audience in history at the time. An estimated 107,000,000 people (60%) in the USA witnessed the live CBS broadcast.

Musical selections from *Cinderella* include: "The Prince is Giving a Ball," "In My Own Little Corner," "Your Majesties," "Boys and Girls Like You and Me," "Impossible," "It's Possible," "Ten Minutes Ago," "Stepsisters' Lament," "Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful," "When You're Driving Through the Moonlight," "A Lovely Night," and "The Wedding."

Teutopolis High School student auditions will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2008 starting at 4:30 in the Teutopolis Junior High Library. Scripts and more information will be given to students at THS on August 19 & 20. **Students are highly encouraged to pick up a script before the start of school. If a student would like an advance copy of the script, please call Mr. Kevin Niemerg at 857-1483 and arrangements will be made.**

**Note to editor...Questions concerning this information may be directed to Kevin Niemerg at 857-1483. Thanks for your public service.**